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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 18, 2003, of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-21 of the above-identified patent application.

A request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's rejection is submitted herewith along with payment of the required extension fee.

Please charge the amount of \$165.00 in payment of the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), as well as any additional required fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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